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1. The armored division which has its headquarters in Sofia has about 1,500 to 1,800 men. However, there seems to be a definite lack of trained manpower for the units in the armored division. In July 1950, 200 officers, non-commissioned officers and reservists were called for training in the handling of tanks at Samakov. T-34/85 tanks were used in this training program. An unknown number of reservists were also called at the same time for the same training at Plovdiv and Sliven. These reserves were released in September 1950.
2. In January 1951, officers, non-commissioned officers and reservists were again called to Samakov, Plovdiv and Sliven.
3. [redacted] the armored units in the Bulgarian Army are only at half strength now; only about half of their tanks can move because of the lack of trained personnel. The strength for each tank company ranges between 60 and 70 men.

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